

Bethlehem Township Recreation Coaches Code of Conduct

As a coach in the Bethlehem Township Recreation Youth Soccer League you will be expected to conduct yourself as an adult at all times. It will be your responsibility as a coach to uphold the following guidelines:

The coaches will:

- ✓ Insure safe conditions for all practices and games (weather, field condition, equipment, time of day, etc.)
- ✓ Provide an environment for the players to have fun
- ✓ Teach and encourage good sportsmanship
- ✓ Provide guidance to all participants
- ✓ Encourage all players to participate
- ✓ Teach basic team and individual skills
- ✓ Give all players a fair chance
- ✓ De-emphasize winning as the ultimate goal
- ✓ Set goals pertaining to improving skills and improving team participation

The coaches will not:

- ✓ Yell, scream, ridicule or berate any player, including their own child
- ✓ Cause any player to cry as a result of verbal abuse
- ✓ Play any player less than the time prescribed in the guidelines
- ✓ Argue with officials over any calls on the field
- ✓ Call any referees at home for any reason except for rescheduling or cancellation of games
- ✓ Display rules on the field to the referees while questioning calls
- ✓ Arbitrarily change rules at the beginning or during the game
- ✓ Be babysitters. Each coach should instruct the parents of players or produce written guidelines with practice schedule and pick up times.

Violation of any of these rules may be the basis for your removal as a Head Coach or Assistant Coach within the program.

A coach may ask a referee for clarification of a call or rule in between quarters / halves in an appropriate manner.

**Remember, you are a Coach and you are setting an example for your players and their parents.
Abuse of referees by coaches or parents will not be tolerated for any reason.**

I have read and agree to uphold the items specified above:

Coaches signature

Date

Please Print Your Name: _____